

THE UNION EDGE PROGRAM

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Program Leadership

(2015). Director of The Union EDGE Program. B.S., Union University; M.S., University of Memphis.

(2015). Assistant Director of The Union EDGE Program. B.S., Union University; M.A., Wheaton College.

(2016). Coordinator of Community Resources. B.S. and M.S.W., Union University.

Program Description

The Union EDGE is a comprehensive program for highly capable students. Students can be contacted to set up an on-campus interview. Final admission decisions are made by the Director and EDGE Admissions Committee composed of School of Education faculty.

2. Interview: Students who score high enough on the application may be invited for an interview that includes question/answer, reading assessment, writing assessment, problem solving assessment, math skills assessment, and determination of ability to follow rules and be a good sport.
3. Trial Day on Campus: Students who score high enough on the interview are then invited to a trial day on campus.

Curriculum

EDGE students register for 12 or more semester hours each semester, 6 semester hours of Life Skills Courses and 6 or more semester hours of Union course audits.

Union EDGE students enroll in two or more regular college courses each semester as course audits for credit toward a certificate – minimum of 48 credit hours to graduate. The EDGE program director works with faculty to develop an education plan for each student.

Students enroll in two life skills courses each semester that focus on training in life skills and career development, including topics such as technology, resume' writing/interviewing, use of social media, banking, cooking, social skills, safety, and job skills.

EDGE Certificate Requirement: 48 Hours

- I. Life Skills Course Requirements – 24 hours
LFS 101, 105, 110, 116, 121, 125, 130, 201
- II. Electives – 24 hours from audits of regular college courses

Additional Program Requirements

Students are partnered with an on-campus internship during the first year. During the second

Acceptable candidates must be between the ages of 18-26, possess a documented Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD), and be a high school graduate. In addition, applicants must submit the following to the EDGE program office:

1

- Psycho-educational evaluation
- Application Fee (\$50)

